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1. The Rumanian Ministry of Metallurgy was reorganized in September 1950, and the number of employees consisting generally of engineers and scientists was increased to 1,200. The Institute of Plans for Metallurgical Installations (IPI), a division within the Ministry, was likewise reorganized and the number of technical personnel increased. Two sections, one for drawing up plans for various installations and one for geological research work, have been established.
2. Geological research was started during 1950 and is currently underway in Transylvania and at Prahova, about 70 kilometers north of Bucharest. Soviet drills are being used allegedly capable of boring to a depth of 3,000 meters. Other surveys and borings are being made at Humedoara and north of Dobruja area.

## Railroad Construction

3. A new railroad line has been constructed between Cluj and Valea Viscului on the Rumanian-Hungarian frontier where there is a pass leading into Hungary. This line was constructed in order to avoid the circuitous route of the Ploesti-Arad railroad line and thence through the Carpathians into Hungary.
4. To shorten communications from the Soviet Union to Hungary via Rumania and to avoid the 700 kilometers long railroad route via Cernauti-Iasi-Ploesti-Cluj, a new railroad line has been constructed which will connect Buhusi (sic), south of Piatra Neamts, with Suceava. Suceava is connected by rail with Cluj. This six meter wide road bed was finished in the fall of 1950 but the track has not yet been laid; the construction work was under the supervision of the Ministry of War presumably because of its military importance. Thus, it will be possible to travel by rail from the Soviet Union (Bessarabia) to Hungary via Piatra Neamts, Suceava, Cluj and Viseu.
5. Plans have been made for the construction of a railroad bridge to cross the Siret River 40 kilometers north of the bridge on the Cernauti-Iasi line. Plans were also made for a new railroad line to connect Iasi with the other existing lines north of Cernauti. No work has been undertaken on either the railroad line or the bridge.

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6. Work was completed in 1950 on the railroad line between Targu Jiu and Petrosani. The line is now in operation, after ten years of intermittent work on this project.
7. The Tudor Vladimirescu Mechanized Division is allegedly stationed in Bucharest in the Bragadiru district.